

May 13, 2003

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor Neil Giuliano, Tempe, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, May 21, 2003 - 12:00 noon
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 N. First Avenue, Phoenix

PLEASE NOTE THE MEETING TIME OF 12:00 NOON.

A meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee is scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference, or by telephone conference call. As was discussed at the first meeting of the Committee, proxies would not be allowed. Members who are not able to attend the meeting are encouraged to submit their comments in writing, so that their view would always be a part of the process.

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Refreshments and a light snack will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact me at (480) 350-8865, or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
May 21, 2003**

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Committee regarding items on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments.	3. Information.
4. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u> Prior to action on the consent agenda, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.	4. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

*4A. <u>Approval of April 16, 2003 Meeting Minutes</u>	4A. Review and approve April 16, 2003 meeting minutes.
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ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

5. <u>System Performance Measures and Plan Evaluation Criteria</u> At the March TPC meeting, a preliminary discussion was held regarding performance measures. These performance measures will be used in the RTP process to assess the relative strengths and weaknesses of the scenarios and to help provide insights into the tradeoffs associated with different transportation investment strategies. On May 6, 2003, a workshop was held to further define the measures. At the workshop, the concept of separating the measures into performance measures and plan evaluation criteria was discussed and incorporated into the draft working paper. Please refer to the enclosed material.	5. Accept the proposed set of system performance measures and the plan evaluation criteria with the understanding that as the RTP proceeds, the system performance measures and plan evaluation criteria may need to be adjusted or refined based on their actual application in the planning process.
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6. Regional Transportation Plan Policy Questions

At the April 16, 2003 TPC meeting, a preliminary discussion was held regarding policy direction for the development of the Regional Transportation Plan. Members of the TPC requested an in-depth discussion of the policy options. The schedule for the May TPC meeting was adjusted to provide additional time for this discussion. Staff has developed four major policy questions for discussion by the TPC: (1) Eligible for sales tax extension? (2) Capital or operations? (3) Local match requirement? (4) Contingency factor? These four areas have been divided by mode of transportation, with a brief discussion and pros and cons. Guidance on these areas is requested to assist in the development of the RTP. As the RTP is developed, these assumptions may need to be modified. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Alternatives Stage Results

Three modeling scenarios (Scenario A: Higher Freeway Emphasis; Scenario B: Higher Arterial Street Emphasis; and Scenario C: Higher Transit Emphasis) were developed to evaluate the performance of the packages of projects contained in the scenarios. After the scenarios are simulated using the transportation model, the output will be used to assess how projects perform in the various corridors in the Valley. Using the information from the modeling scenarios, a hybrid scenario will be developed and the performance analyzed using the transportation model. The hybrid scenario will be the basis for the Final Draft Stage of the Plan. The TPC is requested to submit the Alternatives Stage of the plan for review for a 30 day period. The modeling scenario information is being prepared and is expected to be delivered on May 15, 2003. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Preliminary Discussion of Final Draft Stage of the Plan

At the June 18, 2003 TPC meeting, the Final Draft Stage of the Plan will be discussed. To assist staff in preparing for the June meeting, members of the TPC are requested to suggest possible strategies to address the transportation issues identified in the

6. Discussion and recommendation of the major assumptions as a starting point to assist in the development of the Regional Transportation Plan with the understanding that these assumptions may need to be modified as the development of the final plan proceeds.

7. Submit the Alternatives Stage of the plan for review for a 30 day period.

8. Preliminary input by the TPC into the Final Draft Stage of the Plan.

modeled scenarios. This input along with input from the 30-day review period and previously received input from the MAG member agencies will be used to prepare a Final Draft Stage of the Plan.

9. Arterial Street Bottleneck Analysis

At the April 23, 2003 Regional Council meeting, a recommendation to conduct an Arterial Street Bottleneck Analysis consultant study was discussed. The Regional Council recommended that this proposed study be reviewed by the TPC and a possible recommendation made to the Regional Council.

10. Legislative Update

An update on HB 2292 will be provided.

11. Future Agenda Items

At the June 18, 2003 TPC meeting, we anticipate discussing the following items:

- Policy Assumptions
- Preliminary Discussion of Final Draft Stage of the Plan

9. Possible approval to include the Arterial Street Bottleneck Analysis (\$400,000) in the draft FY 2004 Unified Planning Work Program, with the understanding that the Arterial Street Bottleneck Analysis will be divided into two phases, with Phase II not proceeding without a recommendation by the Management Committee.

10. Information and discussion.

11. Information.